



THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Y. KAWATA et al  
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Title : A LOAD SHARING APPARATUS AND A LOAD  
ESTIMATION METHOD  
TC/AU : 2144  
Examiner : T. Nguyen  
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Customer No. : 24956

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**RESPONSE**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Final Rejection) of July 13, 2005, please  
amend the above-identified application as follows. A Request for Continued  
Examination (RCE) and appropriate fee accompany this response

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 2 of this paper.